



Councilmember Chu at St. Victor's Church Fiesta Day Celebration.



Councilmember Kansen Chu celebrated the ground breaking ceremony of Firestation 19 with St. Victor's students.



Councilmember Chu celebrated Thanksgiving with seniors at Berryessa Community Center.

Door-to-Door in District 4 Newsletter

Office of Councilmember Kansen Chu
A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHU

Dear District 4 Neighbors,

It's hard to imagine that the winter season is approaching, with a new year not far behind. The holidays are a time of love and laughter for most of us as well as a time for getting together with the people we care about.

But for some, the holiday season presents each of us with a unique opportunity to help those in need within our great city; whether we choose to make a financial donation, donate new toys or clothes, volunteer our time and talents, or participate in a holiday drive. Together, we can all make a difference by volunteering in our communities. Even the smallest contribution can make a significant difference to those who are struggling.

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District 4's Website: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district4/>

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COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Councilmember Kansen Chu invites you to attend Community Office Hours in order to get feedback and provide assistance to residents. Staff will also be on hand to assist in handling questions and concerns from residents. If you wish to make an appointment to meet with Councilmember Chu on any of the listed dates, please call our office at (408) 535-4904.

COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS DATES AND LOCATIONS

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 10

Starbucks Coffee

31 Rio Robles East

6:00PM-8:00PM

THURSDAY

JANUARY 22

Berryessa Community Ctr.

Room 2

2:00PM-4:00PM

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 28

Alviso Youth Center

Room 1

6:00PM-8:00PM

Dates & locations subject to change.

Coyote Creek Trail Development

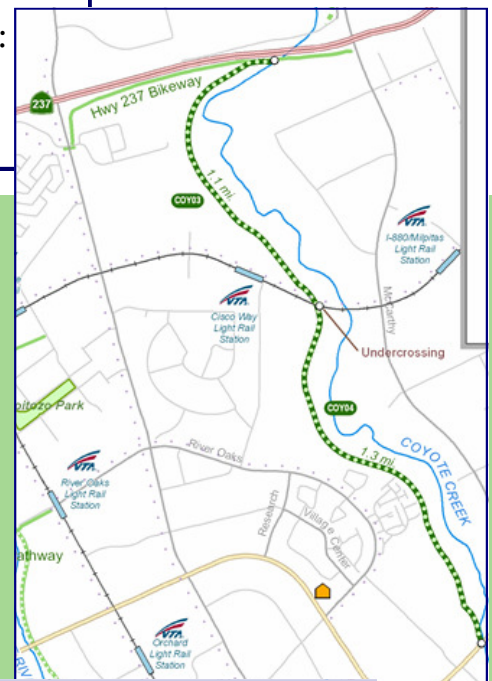
I have been working to secure funds to develop the Coyote Creek Trail in North San José. I recently submitted a budget request to the Redevelopment Agency Capital Budget for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year in the amount of \$500,000 for development of the Coyote Creek Trail. Mayor Chuck Reed recently released his 2008 Mayor's Budget Message and recommended approval for this request. I am excited to share this information with you today.

The City of San José Green Vision sees completion of the 100 mile trail network within 15 years. Specifying funds for the Coyote Creek Trail development from Highway 237 to Montague Expressway will ensure the City's competitive position to meet the Green Vision goals and seek grant funds for the trail construction.

To view the Mayor's RDA Budget Message 2008, please visit:
www.sjredevelopment.org.



Community Leaders joined Councilmember Chu in celebrating the opening of the Penetencia Creek Park Trail.



Coyote Creek



Neighborhood Groups

Alviso Water Taskforce

Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6PM at the Alviso Community Center
www.alvisowater.org

Contact: alvisowater@gmail.com

Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council

Meets every 2nd Monday of the Month at 7PM at the

Berryessa Community Center

Contact: Mike Flaughner

mikeflaughner@yahoo.com

Independence High Neighborhood Association

Meets every 3rd Monday of the Month at 7PM Location TBA

Contact: Dale Warner

ihna@dalewarner.com

North Valley Community Association

Meets every 1st Monday of the Month at 7PM Location TBA

Contact: Karen Navas

kn_nca@yahoo.com

To Subscribe to the Listserve, Please send an email to:

[NorthValleyCA-](mailto:NorthValleyCA-subscribe@yahoo.com)

subscribe@yahoo.com

Piedmont Hostetter Neighborhood Association

Meets quarterly at 6:30PM at the Berryessa Union School District Board Room

Contact: Cheryl VanZuylen

Cheryl_vanzuylen@yahoo.com

River Oaks Neighborhood Association

Meets every odd month Location TBA

Contact: Jean Marlowe

jean@jeanmarlowe.com

Townsend Park Neighborhood Association

Meets twice yearly

Location TBA

Contact: Lori Wallace

lori_wp@yahoo.com



FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHU & YOUR DISTRICT 4 TEAM!

Office of Councilmember Kansen Chu

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHU

The City of San José and non-profit organizations work together during the holiday season, as well as throughout the year, to give back and brighten the lives of people in our community. In addition, San Jose schools do their share by organizing their own holiday drives. I also wish to thank and commend the residents who work behind the scenes in our community and make the holiday season brighter for the many who receive the benefit of their efforts.

I wish you and your family a joyful holiday season and a happy and prosperous New Year!

Happy Holidays!



A conceptual rendering of the planned Firestation #19.

FIRESTATION 19 GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

On Wednesday, October 29, 2008, I joined Vice Mayor Dave Cortese, Fire Chief Darryl Von Raesfeld, and St. Victor's Elementary in a groundbreaking ceremony for Fire Station 19. The fire station will be located on the southwest corner of Piedmont Road and Sierra Road.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community and especially students from St. Victor's Elementary for attending this momentous occasion to support the relocation of this fire station project. Students from St. Victor's Elementary led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the National Anthem. I would also like to thank the City Manager's Office, the Fire Department, and Public Works for their collaborative work on Fire Station 19.

In March 2002, the City of San Jose voters passed the Neighborhood Security Bond Act that approved the issuance of the \$159M in General Obligation bonds to fund the construction of public safety facilities. Fire Station 19 is one of the stations being relocated as part of the public safety bond program to improve service delivery.

Fire Station 19 will be a two-story, 6,049 square feet single company fire station with two apparatus bays. Construction started in September 2008 and is expected to be completed by February 2010. The estimated cost for the project is \$3,455,500.



St. Victor's students led the Pledge of Allegiance at the Firestation 19 Groundbreaking Ceremony.



Community Leaders joined Councilmember Chu in celebrating the groundbreaking event.

Your San José Police Department Captains

San José Police Department

Foothill Division Captain

Captain Ernesto Alcantar

ernesto.alcantar@sanjoseca.gov

Central Division Captain

Captain Phan Ngo

phan.ngo@sanjoseca.gov



Councilmember Chu with Captain Alcantar at the Gang Prevention Training for Parents in District 4.



WINTER SPARE THE AIR ALERTS IN THE BAY AREA

The 9 counties that surround San Francisco Bay are home to almost 7 million residents and an estimated 1.4 million fireplaces and woodstoves. Wood burning is a major source of particulate matter air pollution in the Bay Area during the winter months. Particulate matter is a mixture of solid and liquid particles in the air. The smaller-sized particles are of greatest health concern because they can pass through the nose and throat and lodge deep in the lungs.

Cold air can trap particulate matter close to the ground so active fireplaces can directly affect neighborhoods and affect your community's health. Residents are asked this winter to give up wood fires in stoves and fireplaces to limit smoke this winter.

From November to February, particulate matter from these appliances, coupled with smog emissions, can become a problem in the Bay Area. To protect public health, the Air District will issue a **Winter Spare the Air Alert** when particulate matter concentrations are expected to be unhealthy. When a Winter Spare the Air Alert is in effect, burning wood, firelogs in your fireplace or woodstove is illegal.

Do your part in improving our air quality by "checking before you burn".

Visit **SpareTheAir.org** or **1-877-4NO BURN** to find out when a Winter Spare the Air Alert is in effect.

WINTER SPARE *the* AIR



Be a Wise Holiday Shopper!



As we rush into another busy holiday shopping season, I want to remind you to be a conscious shopper. Many retail stores change their return policy in response to the season's holiday gift-giving spirit. Be aware of posted policies; a retail store in California has the right to post and implement their own return and exchange policies.

However, if the retail store violates the return policy that it has posted, you have a right to file a complaint with the Consumer Protection Unit of the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office. For questions, please call (408) 792-2880.



City & Community Contacts

City Hall Call Center

(408) 535-3500

Abandoned Vehicles

(408) 277-5305

Alviso Branch Library

(408) 263-3626

Alviso Youth Center

(408) 586-7624

Anti-Graffiti & Litter

(408) 277-2758

Berryessa Branch Library

(408) 808-3050

Berryessa Community &

Senior Center

(408) 251-6392

Berryessa Youth Center

(408) 262-1014

Code Enforcement

(408) 277-4528

Crime Prevention

(408) 277-4133

Garbage & Recycling

(408) 535-3515

Parks & Recreation

(408) 535-3570

Sidewalk Repair

(408) 277-3158

Street Lights

(408) 277-5517

Street Sweeping

(408) 277-2571

Tree Trimming & Removal

(408) 277-2756

Meet the District 4 Team



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FOCUS AREAS

Land Use, North San José Neighborhood, Redevelopment, Neighborhoods Commission, Media Relations, Economic Development, Office Technology, and Personnel.

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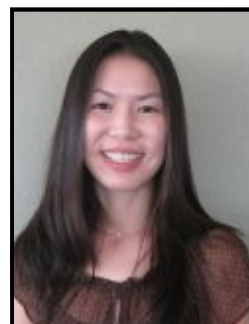
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District 4 Events

For up-to-date event information, visit
sanjoseca.gov/district4 and email
district4@sanjoseca.gov to receive e-Notices.

DECEMBER

5 3 YEAR GENERAL FUND
STRUCTURAL DEFECIT
ELIMINATION PLAN
City Council Study Session
9:00AM-3:30PM
City Hall Council Chambers

7 27th ANNUAL SAN JOSÉ
HOLIDAY PARADE
9:00AM-12:00PM
Downtown San José
Along Market Street

13 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
9:00AM-11:00AM
Berryessa Community Ctr
3050 Berryessa Road
\$5 per Child/\$8 per Adult

13 25TH ANNUAL
SANTA VISITS ALVISO
12:00PM-3:00PM
George Mayne Elementary &
Alviso Youth Center
5040 North First Street



Councilmember Chu with
District 4 SJPD Captain Ngo.



Fire Engine 19 visited Majestic Way students at the
Berryessa Creek Park Playground event.

20 NVCA FESTIVAL DAY
A Christmas Celebration
12:00PM-5:00PM
Berryessa Branch Library
3355 Noble Avenue

25 CHRISTMAS DAY
City Hall Closed

CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURE
DECEMBER 24-JANUARY 2

Happy New Year! JANUARY

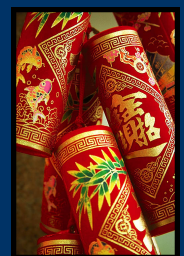
10 CAT ADOPTION EVENT
10:00AM-4:00PM
George Mayne Elementary
Multi-Purpose Room
5030 North First Street

12 BCAC COMMUNITY
MEETING
7:00PM-9:00PM
Berryessa Community
Center
3050 Berryessa Road

14 STATE OF THE CITY
ADDRESS
7:30AM-9:00AM
San José McEnery
Convention Center
408 Almaden Blvd.

22 COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS
Please call my office to book an
appointment to meet with me.
(408) 535-4904
2:00PM-4:00PM
Berryessa Community Center

26 HAPPY LUNAR
NEW YEAR!!!



Councilmember Kansen Chu co-hosted a Mobilehome
Town Hall Meeting with Assemblymember Sally Lieber.



Councilmember Chu with wife, Daisy,
at the Veterans Day Parade.



A child enjoying the festivities at the Penetencia
Creek Trail Ribbon Cutting event.

Event dates are subject to change. Please contact the District 4 office at (408) 535-4904 to confirm events.

VOLUNTEER IN DISTRICT 4!

Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley (408) 929-9453	The Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley strives to provide high quality care and rehabilitation of injured, sick, and orphaned wildlife within the Silicon Valley Community. Volunteer to assist our wildlife!
Adopt A Creek Program (408) 265-2607 ext. 2945 Web: www.valleywater.org	There are more than 800 miles of streams in Santa Clara County that need cleaning. The water district works very hard year-round to maintain the health of these creeks, but they can not do it alone. They need help from citizens like you to act as stewards for the cleanliness of our community and environment throughout the year.
Adopt A Park Program (408) 793-4190 Web: www.sjadoptapark.org	Adopt a Park Program's main goal is to protect and enhance San José's neighborhood parks and open spaces by ongoing volunteer support, and to educate San José residents about the importance of parks and open spaces.
Friends of the Library Program (408) 808-2181	Contact the Berryessa Library Volunteer Information regarding a wide array of volunteer opportunities!
Santa Visits Alviso Web: www.alvisosanta.com	Please visit www.alvisosanta.com or email Richard Santos at rpsantos@scvwd.dst.ca.us for more volunteer information for the event in December.

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